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May 9, 2007

Federal Communications Commission ATTN: Secretary's Office Closed Captioning 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for Exemption from Commission's Closed Captioned Rules

Please be advised that Golden Heights Church of Christ is a non-denominational congregation whose goal is to spread the gospel of Christ to the local community which includes Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach County. Our media ministry voluntarily prepares our one half hour "Back to the Bible" television program on WSVN channel 7, a local channel.

Pursuant to 47 CFR Ch. 1 § 79.1(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, we are seeking an exemption from close captioning. The costs to provide close captioning is an overwhelming expense that is threatening the survival of the program.

"Back to the Bible" program is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, is not a news program, and the technique of close captioning is an undue burden. It is of local interest due to the continued spread of the unadulterated gospel we make available to the public.

Golden Heights Church of Christ will be imposed with an undue burden if it has to comply for the following reasons:

- 1. Our media ministry does not have the technology or equipment or labor to make our program closed captioned. Our media ministry is made up of volunteers from the congregation. To get such equipment would cost our congregation \$8,995.00 plus tax in which we do not have the funds to pay for this expense. We do not solicit any money from the public to support our program. Further, we would have to hire someone to produce the close captioning programing and transpose the program. That someone would be hired for 20 hours per week in which the church does not have the resources to pay that someone on a weekly basis of \$12.00 an hour.
- 2. We would have to out source the production in order to make all programs close captioned. Post production would cost the church approximately \$20,020.00 to \$27,300.00 a year at \$385.00 to \$525.00 per 30-minute show per week for 52 weeks. This estimate does not include the tax, duplications, shipping and handling charges at approximately \$2,500.00 a year associated with outsourcing.

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AFFIDAVIT OF COSTS

STATE OF FLORIDA BROWARD COUNTY

- I, Larry Simmons for the Elders of Golden Heights Church of Christ, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact and affirms:
- 1. The amount paid to WSVN channel 7 television station for one program a week is \$1500.00, a total of \$78,000.00 per year. .
- 2. All other costs involved in the production of the "Back to the Bible" program are donated by volunteers.
- 3. Based on our highest and lowest estimates, closed captioning would cost some where between \$385.00 and \$525.00 per program.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:

Larry Simmons
For the Elders

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, of the State of Florida, County of Broward this 4 day of April 2007.

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- 3. The church pays \$1500.00 per week per show to the televison station. If we had to add close captioning to the cost this would force us to terminate the program.
- 4. We have requested that the television station we broadcast on to provide the close captioning. We were informed that the station does not have the resources to provide captioning.

We respectfully request that Golden Heights Church of Christ "Back to the Bible" program be exempted from close captioning requirement for the above reasons. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our attorney, Tami' A. Phillips, Esq. who voluntarily provides her services to the church at (954)252-5117 or myself at (954)735-2907.

Sincerely,

Larry Simmons
For the Elders

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